THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) and (b) Government are ready and willing to consider any steps which may lead to define and solve any issues connected with Indo-Nepal bilateral relations. On 19th April, 1989, Government formally informed His Majesty's Government of Nepal of its willingenss to discuss the entire gamut of Indo-Nepal relations.

**Fast train to Visakhapatnam**

1945. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the fast train to Visakhapatnam is in difficulties with the diversion of the route of Karnataka Express through Manmad etc. ;

(b) if so, what alternate arrangements are being made to run this fast train to Visakhapatnam ; and

(c) whether Government will assure that the running time of this fast train would not be increased as a consequence of this change ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) and (b) 4 days a week service has been reorganised and replaced by a daily service.

(c) Review of schedules of trains is an ongoing process.

**Value of supplies made by HCI to AI and IA**

1946. SHRI KAPIL VERMA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the value of Flight Kitchen supplies made by the Hotel Corporation of India to Air India and Indian Airlines, separately for the years 1986, 1987 and 1988, yearwise;

(b) what is the value of the monthly flight kitchen supplies made by Hotel Corporation of India to Air India and Indian Airlines monthwise so far during 1989 as against the figures of other similar suppliers for the same period ; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the rates of the flight kitchen supplies have recently been reduced in respect of the supplies made by the Hotel Corporation of India to the two Air Corporations, if so, to what extent and what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIV RAJ PATIL) : (a) Value of supplies made to Air India and Indian Airlines by the Hotel Corporation of India during the last three years is as under :—

(Rs. in lakhs)

| Year | Air-India | Indian Airlines |
|---|---|---|
| 1985-86 . . . | 362.63 | 141.73 |
| 1986-87 . . . | 359.12 | 98.43 |
| 1987-88 . . . | 466.27 | 146.75 |

(b) Vaue of supplies made to Air India and Indian Airlines by the Hotel Corporation of India and other suppliers during 1989 is attached (Annexure-I) (*See* Appendix CL, Annexure No. 96)

(c) From 1-4-89, Air-India have reduced the rates for supplies from Chefair. Air-India is now paying 10% over the rates of Oberoi/Taj Flight Kitchens to the Hotel Corporation of India. In the case of Indian Airlines, there is no price reduction.